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Unemployment in New Hampshire was 12,370 in May 1988. This figure represents a decrease of 1,400 from the April level and a decrease of 2,470 from May 1987*. The unemployment rate declined from 2.3 percent in April to 2.1 percent in May. The unemployment rate also showed a marked decrease from the same month in 1987 when the rate was 2.5 percent. The New Hampshire civilian labor force was estimated to be 598,830 in May, up 14,580 from May 1987 (584,250).

The lowest unemployment rate in the state for May 1988 was in the Keene and Laconia Labor Market Areas (LMA's), both of which had a rate of 1.4 percent. They were followed by the Portsmouth-Dover-Rochester MSA at 1.5 percent and Concord and Manchester at 1.7 percent. The New Hampshire portion of the Portsmouth-Dover-Rochester MSA also showed a rate of 1.7 percent. The highest unemployment rate was in the New Hampshire portion of the Lowell, MA PMSA (Pelham) at 3.6 percent. There is some speculation that the tight labor market in Laconia may place a strain on available employment for the seasonal tourist industry.

The most recent comparable data for all states showed that New Hampshire (2.3 percent) had the lowest unemployment rate in the nation for April 1988. Connecticut (2.5 percent), South Dakota (2.7 percent), and Hawaii and Massachusetts (both 2.9 percent) followed New Hampshire's lead. Louisiana, the only state with a double digit unemployment rate, had the highest rate at 10.6 percent.

Nationally, the unadjusted unemployment rate in May, 5.4 percent, was slightly higher than the previous month (5.3 percent). This is, however, a decrease from last year's unadjusted rate of 6.1 percent. Unemployment in the United States was 6,553,000 in May 1988, an increase of 194,000 from April. This increase in unemployment was offset by an increase in the civilian labor force of 511,000. The twelve month change from May 1987 showed a decrease in unemployment of 765,000.

The New Hampshire nonagricultural wage and salary employment in May increased to 530,400, up 6,000 from the April level of 524,400. These figures are computed using results of sampling New Hampshire employers each month. Therefore, employment estimates are based on place of work rather than place of residence. Manufacturing employment (120,550) decreased 100 from April 1988 (120,650) but showed an increase of 3,300 from May 1987 (117,250).

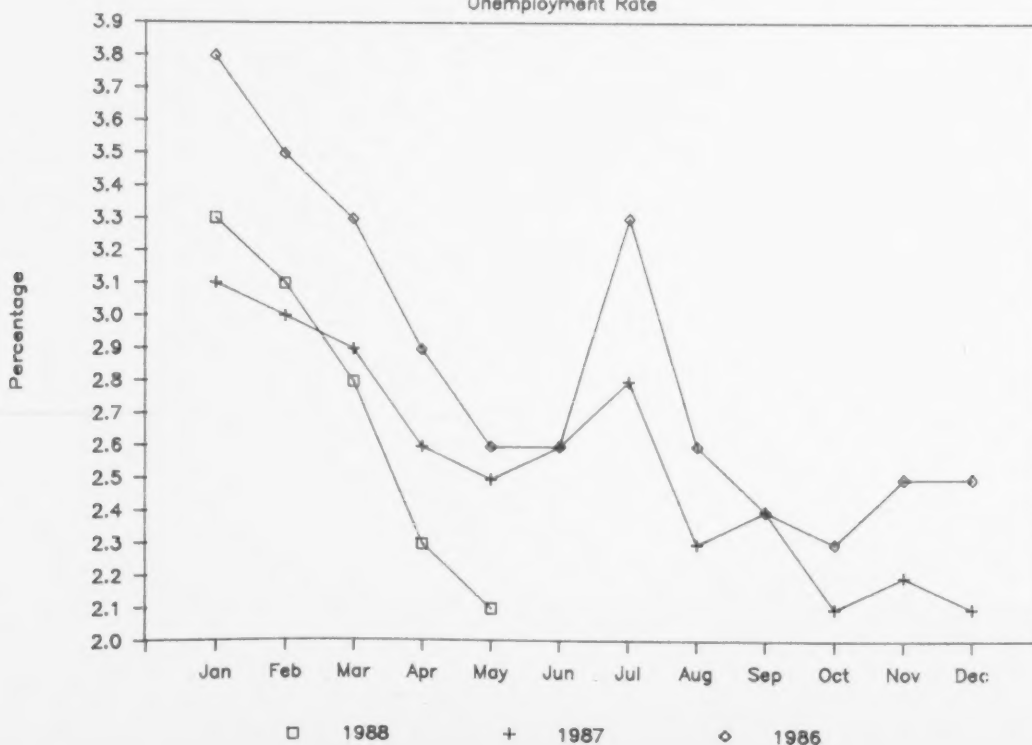
*Although monthly changes are included in this publication, it should be noted that these figures are not seasonally adjusted. Over-the-month comparisons may be affected by seasonal changes and thus could present a misleading representation of underlying trends. To eliminate bias, it is more useful to compare any non-seasonally-adjusted statistic with that of twelve months earlier.

Durable manufactured goods employment (84,450) decreased 50 from April 1988 but showed an increase of 2,900 from the same month last year. Nondurable manufactured goods employment (36,100) also showed a decline of 50 from last month but experienced an increase from the previous year of 400. The major area of job loss for manufacturing was in the machinery excluding electrical products sector (-100 from April to May 1988). Nonmanufacturing employment (409,800) increased 6,100 from April 1988 and 17,100 from May 1987. The largest increase in employment was experienced by the services and other miscellaneous industries (117,900), which increased 2,200 from last month and 5,950 from last May. Also showing large increases, both for the month and for the year, were trade (134,000), which increased 1,700 and 5,850 for the month and for the year, respectively, and construction (including mining) (39,900) which increased for the month and year by 1,650 and 2,250, respectively. The only job losses in the nonmanufacturing sector were a decrease of 100 in state government (17,600) from April 1988 and a decrease in local government (40,400) of 250 from May 1987.

Average weekly earnings for the manufacturing sector of New Hampshire fell \$1.91 in May to \$386.51 from \$388.42 in April 1988. This was an increase of \$10.13 from May 1987 (\$376.38). The decrease is partially due to the change in average weekly hours from last month. Average weekly hours fell slightly (0.2 hours) from April (40.8 hours) to May (40.6 hours) and decreased 0.4 hours from May 1987 (41.0 hours). Therefore, workers in the manufacturing sector are working fewer hours but being paid more, compared to the same month last year. Average hourly earnings stayed constant from April to May at \$9.52. However, this is an increase of \$0.34 per hour from May 1987 (\$9.18). The highest average hourly earnings for durable goods manufacturing was in the electrical products sector (\$10.49); the food and kindred products sector had the highest average hourly earnings for nondurable goods manufacturing (\$11.19).

New Hampshire

Unemployment Rate



NEW HAMPSHIRE CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE, TOTAL EMPLOYMENT AND UNEMPLOYMENT
AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT AS OF THE MIDDLE OF THE MONTH

Industry	Number of Workers			Numerical Change From	
	May 1988	Apr. 1988	May 1987	Previous Month	Previous Year
1. CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE**	598,830	601,990	584,250	-3,160	+14,580
2. UNEMPLOYMENT PERCENT OF LABOR FORCE	12,370 2.1	13,770 2.3	14,840 2.5	-1,400 xxx	-2,470 xxx
3. EMPLOYMENT TOTAL	586,360	588,120	569,410	-1,760	+16,950
4. PERSONS INVOLVED IN LABOR DISPUTES	100	100	0	0	+100
NONAGRI. WAGE & SALARY	530,350	524,350	509,950	6,000	20,400
MANUFACTURING	120,550	120,650	117,250	-100	3,300
Durable Goods	84,450	84,500	81,550	-50	2,900
Lumber & Wood Prods.	6,050	6,100	6,250	-50	-200
Furniture & Fixtures	1,800	1,800	1,500	0	300
Stone & Clay Prods.	3,700	3,700	3,400	0	300
Primary Metal Prods.	4,500	4,450	4,350	50	150
Fabricated Metal Prods.	6,950	6,900	6,600	50	350
Machinery (Exc. Elec.)	25,900	25,850	25,150	50	750
Electrical Prods.	23,900	24,000	22,800	-100	1,100
Miscellaneous Prods.	2,050	2,100	2,050	-50	0
Other Durable Goods	9,600	9,600	9,450	0	150
Nondurable Goods	36,100	36,150	35,700	-50	400
Food & Kindred Prods.	2,900	2,900	2,850	0	50
Textile/Mill Prods.	3,700	3,700	3,900	0	-200
Apparel	1,800	1,750	2,000	50	-200
Paper & Allied Prods.	5,700	5,750	5,500	-50	200
Print., Pub. & Allied	8,700	8,750	7,750	-50	950
Leather & Lea. Prods.	3,500	3,500	4,000	0	-500
Other Nondurable Goods	9,800	9,800	9,700	0	100
Nonmanufacturing	409,800	402,700	392,700	6,100	17,100
Construction (inc. mining)	39,900	38,250	37,650	1,650	2,250
Transp., comm. & utilities	17,500	17,350	17,200	150	300
Trade	134,000	132,300	128,150	1,700	5,850
Finance, Ins. & Real Estate	33,800	33,600	31,350	200	2,450
Service Industry & Other	117,900	115,700	111,950	2,200	5,950
Government	66,700	66,500	66,400	200	300
Federal	8,700	8,650	8,500	50	200
State	17,600	17,700	17,350	-100	250
Local	40,400	40,150	40,550	250	-150

* By place of residence

** By place of establishment

Labor Disputes: 0

**MSA LABOR FORCE, TOTAL EMPLOYMENT AND UNEMPLOYMENT, AND NONAGRICULTURAL
WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT AS OF THE MIDDLE OF THE MONTH**

Industry	Manchester MSA					Nashua PMSA					Portsmouth-Dover-Rochester MSA				
	Number of Workers			Numerical Change		Number of Workers			Numerical Change		Number of Workers			Numerical Change	
	May 1988	Apr. 1988	May 1987	From Previous Month	Year	May 1988	Apr. 1988	May 1987	From Previous Month	Year	May 1988	Apr. 1988	May 1987	From Previous Month	Year
1. CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE*	84,440	85,270	84,510	-830	-70	99,360	99,440	96,560	-80	+2,800	134,210	132,520	130,770	+1,690	+3,440
2. UNEMPLOYMENT	1,460	1,480	1,810	-20	-350	2,380	2,350	2,560	+30	-180	2,020	1,960	2,780	+60	-760
PERCENT OF LABOR FORCE	1.7	1.7	2.1	xxx	xxx	2.4	2.4	2.7	xxx	xxx	1.5	1.5	2.1	xxx	xxx
3. EMPLOYMENT TOTAL	82,880	83,690	82,700	-810	+180	96,980	97,090	94,000	-110	+2,980	132,190	130,560	127,990	+1,630	+4,200
4. PERSONS INVOLVED IN LABOR DISPUTES	100	100	0	0	+100	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
NONAGRI. WAGE & SALARY	86,350	86,450	85,350	-100	1,000	96,150	95,900	92,450	250	3,700	114,750	112,150	109,600	2,600	5,150
MANUFACTURING	11,800	11,800	12,550	0	-750	37,100	37,300	36,150	-200	950	20,800	20,850	20,600	-50	200
Durable Goods	7,300	7,400	7,800	-100	-500	30,900	31,000	29,950	-100	950	13,300	13,250	12,650	50	650
Machinery & elec. prods.	4,100	4,200	4,500	-100	-400	23,400	23,400	22,400	0	1,000					
Other durables	3,200	3,200	3,300	0	-100	7,500	7,600	7,550	-100	-50					
Nondurable Goods	4,500	4,400	4,750	100	-250	6,200	6,300	6,200	-100	0	7,500	7,600	7,950	-100	-450
Textile mill prods.	1,100	1,100	1,350	0	-250										
Other nondurables	3,400	3,300	3,400	100	0										
NONMANUFACTURING	74,550	74,650	72,800	-100	1,750	59,050	58,600	56,300	450	2,750	93,950	91,300	89,000	2,650	4,950
Construction (inc. mining)	6,000	5,800	5,750	200	250	5,750	5,600	5,050	150	700	6,450	6,200	6,150	250	300
Transp., comm. & utilities	5,400	5,400	5,100	0	300	2,100	2,100	2,150	0	-50	3,050	3,000	2,900	50	150
Trade	24,050	24,300	23,450	-250	600	21,600	21,500	21,000	100	600	30,600	29,200	28,700	1,400	1,900
Finance, ins. & real est.	8,650	8,600	8,400	50	250	4,100	4,150	3,800	-50	300	6,750	6,650	6,400	100	350
Service industry & other	21,900	21,850	21,650	50	250	18,200	18,000	17,600	200	600	21,500	20,700	20,100	800	1,400
Government	8,550	8,700	8,450	-150	100	7,300	7,250	6,700	50	600	25,600	25,550	24,750	50	850
Federal	2,600	2,650	2,600	-50	0	900	900	900	0	0	10,400	10,400	10,200	0	200
State	850	850	850	0	0	250	250	250	0	0	5,150	5,150	5,400	0	-250
Local	5,100	5,200	5,000	-100	100	6,150	6,100	5,550	50	600	10,050	10,000	9,150	50	900

* By place of residence

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Labor Disputes: 0

** By place of establishment

Manchester MSA: includes the city of Manchester and the towns of Allenstown, Auburn, Bedford, Candia, Goffstown, and Hooksett

Nashua PMSA: includes the city of Nashua and the towns of Amherst, Brookline, Hollis, Hudson, Litchfield, Londonderry, Merrimack, Milford, Mont Vernon, and Wilton

Portsmouth-Dover-Rochester NH-MF MSA: includes the New Hampshire cities of Dover, Portsmouth, Rochester, and Somersworth, the New Hampshire towns of Barrington, Durham, Exeter, Farmington, Greenland, Hampton, Lee, Madbury, Milton, New Castle, Newfields, Newington, Newmarket, North Hampton, Rollingsford, Rye, and Stratham, and the Maine towns of Berwick, Eliot, Kittery, North Berwick, Ogunquit, South Berwick, Wells, and York.

TOTAL UNEMPLOYMENT AND LABOR FORCE BY AREA AND COUNTY

Unemployment*

Civilian Labor Force

Area		May	1988	April	1988	May	1987	Numerical Change		May	April	May	Numerical Change	
		Number	Rate	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	From Previous	Year	1988	1988	1987	From Previous	Year
		Month		Month		Month		Month	Year	Month	Month	Month	Month	Year
UNITED STATES**		6,553	5.4	6,359	5.3	7,318	6.1	194	-765	120,775	120,264	119,695	511	1,080
NEW HAMPSHIRE		12,370	2.1	13,770	2.3	14,840	2.5	-1,400	-2,470	598,830	601,990	584,250	-3,160	14,580
BERLIN	LMA	770	3.1	990	3.9	900	3.7	-220	-130	25,220	25,400	24,370	-180	850
CLAREMONT	LMA	830	2.1	1,070	2.6	620	1.6	-240	210	40,400	40,700	38,570	-300	1,830
CONCORD	LMA	900	1.7	990	1.8	930	1.8	-90	-30	54,480	55,620	52,660	-1,140	1,820
KEENE	LMA	590	1.4	620	1.5	730	1.9	-30	-140	40,950	42,000	39,450	-1,050	1,500
LACONIA	LMA	770	1.4	1,020	1.9	880	1.7	-256	-110	54,050	54,590	52,010	-540	2,040
LITTLETON	LMA	530	2.9	750	4.1	460	2.7	-220	70	18,110	18,210	17,350	-100	760
MANCHESTER	MSA	1,460	1.7	1,480	1.7	1,810	2.1	-20	-350	84,440	85,270	84,510	-830	-70
NASHUA	PMSA	2,380	2.4	2,350	2.4	2,560	2.7	30	-180	99,360	99,440	96,560	-80	2,800
NH PORTION LAWRENCE- HAVERHILL, MA PMSA***		1,650	3.2	1,980	3.9	2,390	4.7	-330	-740	50,870	51,390	50,930	-520	-60
PORTSMOUTH-DOVER- ROCHESTER NH-ME MSA		2,020	1.5	1,960	1.5	2,780	2.1	60	-760	134,210	132,520	130,770	1,690	3,440
UNATTACHED ESTIMATING AREAS****		550	2.6	690	3.3	810	3.9	-140	-260	211,140	21,080	20,960	60	180
NH PORTION LOWELL MA PMSA		190	3.6	220	4.1	270	5.1	-30	-80	5,270	5,360	5,340	-90	-70
County														
BELKNAP		370	1.3	430	1.5	480	1.8	-60	-110	27,920	28,150	26,930	-230	990
CARROLL		320	1.7	430	2.3	360	2.0	-110	-40	18,310	18,430	17,650	-120	660
CHESHIRE		550	1.5	570	1.5	680	1.9	-20	-130	36,560	37,490	35,220	-930	1,340
COOS		820	4.1	1,040	5.1	860	4.5	-220	-40	20,040	20,216	19,320	-170	720
GRAFTON		680	1.7	960	2.3	740	1.9	-280	-60	40,810	41,080	39,260	-270	1,550
HILLSBOROUGH		3,930	2.1	3,970	2.1	4,580	2.5	-40	-650	184,890	185,930	180,080	-1,040	2,810
MERRIMACK		990	1.5	1,150	1.7	990	1.6	-160	0	64,680	65,830	62,640	-1,150	2,040
ROCKINGHAM		3,050	2.4	3,430	2.7	4,230	3.4	-380	-1,180	124,890	124,810	123,100	80	1,790
STRAFFORD		1,060	1.8	980	1.7	1,550	2.7	80	-490	59,860	58,950	58,240	910	1,620
SULLIVAN		600	2.9	810	3.8	370	1.9	-210	230	20,870	21,110	19,810	-240	1,060

* Based on the Bureau of Labor Statistics "43 Step Method" handbook adjusted to the Current Population Survey (CPS) estimates.

** In thousands, not seasonally adjusted.

*** New Hampshire Portion of the Lawrence-Haverhill, Massachusetts Primary Metropolitan Statistical Area which includes Salem and twelve small towns.

**** Includes twenty towns previously in either Dover, Portsmouth, Manchester or Nashua LMAS.

AVERAGE EARNINGS AND HOURS OF PRODUCTION WORKERS IN MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES

Industry	NEW HAMPSHIRE									Sample Percent of Production Workers 43%
	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings			
	May 1988	Apr. 1988	May 1987	May 1988	Apr. 1988	May 1987	May 1988	Apr. 1988	May 1987	
All manufacturing	\$386.51	\$388.42	\$376.38	40.6	40.8	41.0	\$9.52	\$9.52	\$9.18	Total Production Workers: 82,000
Durable goods	391.23	392.76	391.56	40.5	40.7	41.7	9.66	9.65	9.39	Firms Reporting: 312
Lumber & wood prods.	319.99	309.99	314.82	40.2	38.7	39.6	7.96	8.01	7.95	
Furniture & fixtures	307.91	299.06	305.56	41.0	40.8	40.1	7.51	7.33	7.62	
Stone & clay prods.	385.90	388.96	382.73	41.9	44.2	44.4	9.21	8.80	8.62	
Primary metal prods.	442.23	454.10	416.56	46.6	47.5	44.6	9.49	9.56	9.34	
Fab. metal prods.	396.89	407.04	378.14	41.3	42.4	41.6	9.61	9.60	9.09	
Mach. (exc. elec.)	417.06	420.18	418.71	42.0	42.4	43.3	9.93	9.91	9.67	
Electrical prods.	395.47	390.46	410.87	37.7	37.4	40.6	10.49	10.44	10.12	
Miscellaneous prods.	337.85	331.89	308.11	39.7	39.7	39.3	8.51	8.36	7.84	
Other durables	383.76	393.90	386.34	40.1	40.4	41.1	9.57	9.75	9.40	
Nondurable goods	376.69	378.94	344.84	40.9	41.1	39.5	9.21	9.22	8.73	
Food & kindred prods.	455.43	448.06	443.84	40.7	39.2	42.8	11.19	11.43	10.37	
Textile mill prods.	328.82	334.78	304.55	41.0	41.9	41.1	8.02	7.99	7.41	
Apparel	236.57	228.85	228.12	35.1	32.6	35.7	6.74	7.02	6.39	
Paper & allied prods.	517.93	528.41	488.23	49.0	49.2	46.6	10.57	10.74	10.49	
Print., pub. & allied	379.78	378.28	345.75	38.4	38.6	36.9	9.89	9.80	9.37	
Leather & lea. prods.	210.74	206.50	168.74	35.3	35.0	31.6	5.97	5.90	5.34	
Footwear	211.82	208.15	189.75	35.6	35.4	35.6	5.95	5.88	5.33	
Other nondurables	395.96	402.05	370.98	41.9	43.0	40.5	9.45	9.35	9.16	

Manchester MSA

Industry	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings			Sample Percent of Production Workers: 59%
	May 1988	Apr. 1988	May 1987	May 1988	Apr. 1988	May 1987	May 1988	Apr. 1988	May 1987	
	1988	1988	1987	1988	1988	1987	1988	1988	1987	
All manufacturing	\$404.97	\$396.21	\$362.80	40.7	39.7	40.0	\$9.95	\$9.98	\$9.07	Total Production Workers: 9,050
Durable goods	408.04	400.67	380.60	39.5	38.9	39.4	10.33	10.30	9.66	Firms Reporting: 41
Mach. & elec. prods.	420.62	406.06	391.31	40.6	39.5	40.3	10.36	10.28	9.71	
Other durables	392.70	392.16	368.06	38.2	38.0	38.3	10.28	10.32	9.61	
Nondurable goods	397.46	389.87	330.87	42.6	41.3	41.0	9.33	9.44	8.07	
Textiles & apparel	317.60	312.45	261.85	39.8	39.5	37.3	7.98	7.91	7.02	
Other nondurables	424.66	416.49	360.82	43.6	41.9	42.6	9.74	9.94	8.47	

Nashua PMSA

Industry	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings			Sample Percent of Production Workers: 44%
	May 1988	Apr. 1988	May 1987	May 1988	Apr. 1988	May 1987	May 1988	Apr. 1988	May 1987	
	1988	1988	1987	1988	1988	1987	1988	1988	1987	
All manufacturing	\$473.34	\$470.74	\$464.54	40.7	40.2	41.7	\$11.63	\$11.71	\$11.14	Total Production Workers: 20,050
Durable goods	485.03	483.14	476.30	41.0	40.6	42.3	11.83	11.90	11.26	Firms Reporting: 55
Mach. & elec. prods.	513.91	510.15	512.68	39.9	39.7	42.3	12.88	12.85	12.12	
Other durables	421.61	417.05	395.25	42.6	42.6	42.5	9.67	9.79	9.30	
Nondurable goods	428.87	425.25	417.48	39.6	38.8	39.2	10.83	10.96	10.65	

Portsmouth-Dover-Rochester MSA

Industry	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings			Sample Percent of Production Workers: 47%
	May 1988	Apr. 1988	May 1987	May 1988	Apr. 1988	May 1987	May 1988	Apr. 1988	May 1987	
	1988	1988	1987	1988	1988	1987	1988	1988	1987	
All Manufacturing	\$364.11	\$369.05	\$362.18	40.1	40.6	39.8	\$9.08	\$9.09	\$9.10	Total Production Workers: 14,400
Durable Goods	394.94	401.23	404.01	40.3	40.9	41.1	9.80	9.81	9.83	Firms Reporting: 38
Nondurable Goods	312.44	313.60	300.17	39.7	40.0	39.7	7.87	7.84	7.92	

NEW HAMPSHIRE LABOR SUPPLY AND DEMAND

Monthly comparisons between March and April show very little change in the number of active applicants, however May (9,882) showed a decrease of 460 from the April level of 10,342 as construction projects and tourist related industries began to gear-up for another season. Dover (-61), Littleton (-45) and Portsmouth (-41) all had significantly fewer active applicants from construction occupations indicating they are already well under way on new projects. Job openings received (2,062) did not move from the April level of 2,060 but the mixture of job openings changed. Structural job openings (-29) declined while trade (30) and services (21) job openings received increased.

A large portion of the decrease in the number of active applicants (460) could be found in structural occupations (-204) as many of these workers got employment at new construction sites. Motor freight and transportation occupations had 85 fewer active applicants than the previous month while benchwork and machine trades had 76 and 60 fewer applicants respectively. Professional, technical and managerial occupations showed a slight decline (-13) in the number of active applicants from the previous month while clerical applicants increased in number (40) during the same period as colleges and technical schools reduced their staff load due to semester break. The professional and clerical occupational groups make up 37 percent of the active applicants while structural workers comprise 18 percent, giving these groups over half the active applicants registered. Services occupations (14 percent), machine trades (7 percent) and benchwork (6.5 percent) are the next largest groups of active applicants. The greatest number of machine trade applicants came from Dover (129) and Claremont (110) while the greatest number of benchwork active applicants were found in Nashua (139), Manchester (125) and Dover (113).

The number of job openings received for May were nearly the same as for the previous month. What changed was the type of job openings received. Clerical (-40), structural (-30) and benchwork (-20) job openings declined while machine trades (+30), services (+20) and processing (+15) increased. Since fewer job orders generally indicate that employers have who they need for work and vice versa, a quick look at whether job orders have increased or decreased will give some picture of employers needs. All employers are affected by the tight labor market but as the increase or decrease in job openings of various occupations indicates, employers in some occupations are more successful than others at getting workers. The lakes region in particular needs summer service workers for hotels, motels, and restaurants, but construction projects offering higher wages than services jobs are drawing more than their share from the already limited pool of young people.

The greatest number of job openings received for May were in services (458), structural work (354) and clerical (346). Portsmouth (65), Laconia (62) and Littleton (44) had the greatest number of services job openings while Portsmouth (51), Laconia (46) and Dover (41) had the most structural job openings received. Clerical job openings received were concentrated in Portsmouth (52), Concord (37), Salem (27) and Nashua (24).

JOB OPENINGS RECEIVED BY OCCUPATION
MAY 1988

	Prof. Tech. & Mgr.	Clerical	Sales	Services	Farm	Process	Machine Trade Benchwork	Struc. Work	Motor Freight & Trans.	Packaging & Material Handling	Misc.	Total	
State	157	346	117	458	84	40	176	114	354	85	125	6	2,062
Berlin	2	23	4	28	0	0	5	4	9	4	0	0	79
Claremont	7	20	4	16	10	0	23	6	25	7	13	0	131
Concord	18	37	2	23	5	3	16	4	24	4	4	0	140
Conway	6	6	9	23	3	1	7	2	6	5	0	0	68
Dover	17	29	5	34	10	7	17	16	41	5	6	0	187
Keene	12	19	12	31	18	6	17	10	19	3	18	2	167
Laconia	9	36	9	62	10	3	13	5	46	13	6	1	213
Lebanon	10	21	11	27	0	1	11	6	29	4	8	0	125
Littleton	2	12	6	44	8	3	12	14	39	3	10	1	154
Manchester	13	38	22	45	6	3	21	20	44	18	27	2	259
Nashua	6	24	7	36	8	10	16	12	14	10	14	0	157
Portsmouth	20	52	12	65	3	2	6	8	51	6	11	0	236
Salem	6	27	14	16	4	1	10	7	7	3	6	0	101
All Other	29	2	0	8	0	0	2	0	0	0	2	2	45

Source: Employment Security Automated Reporting System - Table 10

Openings Received are jobs listed by employers with a local office of the Department of Employment Security during the month. The figures are not cumulative.

ACTIVE JOB APPLICANTS BY OCCUPATION
MAY 1988

-	Prof. Tech. & Mgr.	Clerical	Sales	Services	Farm	Process	Machine Trades	Benchwork	Struc. Work	Motor Freight & Trans.	Packaging & Material Handling	Misc.	Total
State	1,771	1,904	475	1,407	141	128	689	630	1,801	383	497	56	9,882
Berlin	26	90	24	93	23	1	21	6	94	33	15	1	427
Claremont	61	116	21	91	4	8	107	48	107	14	54	3	634
Concord	289	232	50	157	14	11	75	51	265	61	52	13	1,270
Conway	52	34	10	41	7	1	7	8	43	5	4	1	213
Dover	203	226	44	129	15	25	111	80	255	41	38	8	1,175
Keene	87	130	47	117	6	3	54	38	118	23	35	2	660
Laconia	97	160	31	118	16	11	44	42	110	14	21	0	664
Lebanon	99	64	16	41	8	1	23	20	42	12	5	4	335
Littleton	52	88	25	101	13	1	27	20	97	17	16	1	458
Manchester	209	289	92	250	10	27	85	124	231	73	108	9	1,507
Nashua	273	244	59	119	15	22	81	141	151	43	93	6	1,247
Portsmouth	235	176	33	121	8	16	39	35	247	42	45	5	1,002
Salem	88	55	23	29	2	1	15	17	41	5	11	3	290

Source: Employment Security Automated Reporting System - Table A96

Active Applicants are individuals who have contacted a local office of the Department of Employment Security to seek employment or obtain employability development services, and are currently seeking employment. The numbers in this table do not represent only applicants registered during the month.

JOB OPENINGS RECEIVED BY INDUSTRY
MAY 1988

	Agr., For. & Fish.	Construc. & Mining	Man- ufact- uring	Trans., Comm. & Util.	Trade	Fin., Ins. & Real Est.	Services	Public Admin.	Government	Total
State	32	288	432	49	496	66	576	123	198	2062
Berlin	0	6	9	2	28	1	20	13	14	79
Claremont	1	19	45	6	28	2	22	8	10	131
Concord	4	24	25	2	15	7	49	14	23	140
Conway	1	4	4	2	31	1	24	1	0	92
Dover	6	22	56	2	25	6	65	5	47	187
Keene	4	12	48	0	46	7	47	3	9	167
Laconia	2	48	35	8	53	7	58	2	5	213
Lebanon	0	22	21	0	40	3	39	2	1	125
Littleton	2	38	30	6	30	4	40	4	5	154
Manchester	5	40	57	7	58	12	67	13	8	259
Nashua	6	11	46	5	45	12	28	4	2	157
Portsmouth	2	36	33	9	50	4	75	27	37	236
Salem	1	6	20	0	45	0	28	1	0	101
All Other	0	0	3	0	2	0	14	26	37	45

Source: Employment Security Automated Reporting System - Table 10

ACTIVE JOB APPLICANTS, BY SEX, AGE, NUMBER OF MINORITIES
AND NUMBER OF VETERANS
MAY 1988

	Male	Female	Eligible Claimant	Minority	Veterans	Age Group Less Than 45	45 And Over	Non-Agr. Open Rec.	Unfilled Total	Open 30 Days Or More	Total Acct. Apps.
State	5,694	4,188	3,707	322	2,220	7,927	1,955	2,062	2,922	1,714	9,882
Berlin	237	190	127	1	65	332	95	79	215	163	427
Claremont	400	234	213	3	156	490	144	131	143	62	634
Concord	823	447	565	21	342	1,014	256	140	179	108	1,270
Conway	118	95	58	0	32	170	43	68	99	47	213
Dover	669	486	428	31	324	974	201	187	211	104	1,175
Keene	351	309	198	3	132	561	99	167	250	132	660
Laconia	330	334	194	4	91	554	110	213	294	162	664
Lebanon	197	138	94	5	89	255	80	125	171	95	335
Littleton	253	205	97	6	49	375	83	154	135	45	458
Manchester	810	697	713	76	283	1,182	325	259	214	103	1,507
Nashua	704	543	551	110	291	959	288	157	207	120	1,247
Portsmouth	615	387	312	44	306	828	174	236	413	277	1,002
Salem	167	123	157	18	60	233	57	101	166	101	290
All Other								45	225	195	

Source: Employment Security Automated Reporting System - Table A96

U. S. CONSUMER PRICE INDEX

Item	1988	1987	1986	1985
<u>All Urban Consumers (CPI-U)</u>				
All Items (1982-84=100)				
Current Month - May	117.5			
Percent change from year ago	3.9			
Year Average		113.6	109.6	
Percent change each year		3.6	--	
All Items (1967=100)				
Current Month - May	352.0			
Percent change from year ago	3.9			
Year Average		340.4	328.4	322.2
Percent change each year		3.7	1.9	3.6
<u>Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers (CPI-W)</u>				
All Items (1982-84=100)				
Current Month - May	116.2			
Percent change from year ago	3.8			
Year Average		112.5	108.6	
Percent change each year		3.6	--	
All Items (1967=100)				
Current Month - May	346.1			
Percent change from year ago	3.8			
Year Average		335.0	323.4	318.5
Percent change each year		3.6	1.5	3.5

NOTE:

Commencing with the January issue of Economic Conditions in New Hampshire, we began publishing a new Consumer Price Index series which uses the years 1982-1984 as the base period. Costs of a typical market basket of goods during that time span are indexed at 100. Periodic revisions in the consumer price index are necessary since new goods and services become available to consumers and spending patterns change over time. Data for both series will be provided for a transitional period. During this time there may be instances where the monthly rates of increase in the indexes will differ. Again, this will be due to the different weights assigned to various categories of goods.

FIRMS BY SIZE -- UNITS, EMPLOYEES, AND WAGES
August 1987

Once each year, the Department of Employment Security makes available a distribution of employers by size classification. This information is drawn from data provided to the Department by private firms covered by Unemployment Compensation laws. Placement of firms in a size class is determined by August employment.

Employee-size grouping	Units		Employees		Total Wages Third Quarter 1987	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Amount	Percent
TOTAL	30,449	100.00%	455,750	100.00%	\$2,155,108,223	100.00%
1 - 3	13,133	43.13%	23,481	5.15%	114,336,226	5.31%
4	2,333	7.66%	9,332	2.05%	39,672,698	1.84%
5	1,973	6.48%	9,865	2.16%	40,726,312	1.89%
6	1,462	4.80%	8,772	1.92%	38,308,289	1.78%
7	1,134	3.72%	7,938	1.74%	32,738,595	1.52%
8	934	3.07%	7,472	1.64%	31,404,644	1.46%
9	814	2.67%	7,326	1.61%	31,309,313	1.45%
10 - 19	3,811	12.52%	51,275	11.25%	222,328,256	10.32%
20 - 49	2,426	7.97%	72,784	15.97%	311,304,146	14.44%
50 - 99	855	2.81%	59,032	12.95%	259,118,247	12.02%
100 - 249	430	1.41%	65,256	14.32%	301,855,175	14.01%
250 - 499	112	0.37%	37,865	8.31%	174,696,445	8.11%
500 - 999	48	0.16%	34,807	7.64%	167,676,341	7.78%
1000 & over	31	0.10%	60,545	13.28%	383,798,066	17.81%
No employment in August and wages in quarter	953	3.13%			5,835,470	0.27%

Note: Total wages may not add due to rounding. Percentages may not add due to rounding.

Comments:

Firms employing fewer than 100 workers accounted for 56.4 percent of all workers and 94.8 percent of all firms in August 1987. Seven out of every ten firms in New Hampshire employs fewer than ten workers.

Since August 1980, when it was 332,738, employment has increased by 123,012 workers, or 37.0 percent. Manufacturing workers numbered 115,277, or 34.6 percent of all employees. Nonmanufacturing employment was 217,461, or 65.4 percent of total employment. Thus, virtually all of the employment gains since 1980 have occurred in the nonmanufacturing sector. In fact, construction (including mining) employment more than doubled from 20,447 in August 1980 to 41,284 in August 1987. During the same time period, trade employment grew from 89,409 to 134,451, up 50.3 percent, while services employment increased from 74,634 to 114,090, a 52.9 percent rise.

In August 1980, firms employing fewer than 100 workers accounted for 52.7 percent of all workers and 94.8 percent of all firms.

Distribution of employers by size for each broad industry classification is also available. For further information, please contact Bruce DeMay at 228-4173.